

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, and 6-17 are pending in the application and are at issue.

This amendment is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.116(a) and §1.116(b) in order to present the rejected claims in a better form for allowance or appeal. The amendment is necessary to eliminate a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. This amendment was not presented earlier because applicant believed, and still believes, that the response filed on November 2, 2005 overcame all outstanding issues. This amendment should be entered because it places the application in better form for allowance or appeal, and the amendment does not require further searching or present any new issues.

The courteous telephonic interview granted by Examiner Cole to applicant's undersigned attorney on April 5, 2006 is hereby acknowledged with appreciation. During the interview, the rejection and a proposed claim amendment were discussed. The examiner indicated that the present amendment to claim 1 appeared to place the application in a condition for allowance, pending concurrence of her supervisor.

The sole rejection of claims 1, 4, and 6-17 is under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, because the phrase "a detectable and measurable color transition in response to a concentration of 0% to about 20%, by weight, of a dialdehyde" is considered indefinite. In view of the amendment to claim 1 and for the reasons set forth below, it is submitted that this rejection has been overcome.

In particular, claim 1 has been amended to delete the phrase objected to into the Office Action. As discussed during the interview, the phrase is recited in the preamble of claim 1, and, because the claim is directed to a composition, the phrase does not add to the features recited in the claims. Accordingly, the amendment deleting the phrase does not alter the scope of the claims, and removes the basis of the sole rejection of the claims. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1, 4, and 6-17 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, has been overcome.

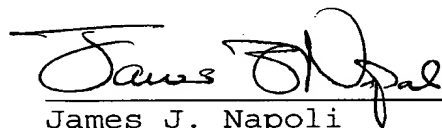
In summary, it is submitted that all pending claims are now in proper form and scope for allowance. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, or any matter of form in an effort to advance this application toward allowance, the examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated number.

Respectfully submitted,

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